

Remembering our Fallen Co-workers

2002 proved to be especially difficult for INDOT employees, who lost four of their co-workers in the line of duty. The four employees performed a variety of functions and all were considered not only outstanding workers, but also outstanding people. We mourn their loss and honor them for their dedication and sacrifice in the name of public service.

Thomas Carter, Seymour District

On May 2, 2002, Thomas Carter was killed by a subcontractor's construction vehicle. The accident happened when Carter, a certified technician for the Seymour District, was performing inspection duties for the I-65 project known as "Revive 65" in southern Indiana.

Thomas was a veteran INDOT employee who had rejoined the agency in February 2002 after having previously been employed by

INDOT between 1961 and 1976. He was married to Shirley (Morris) Carter and had three children.

Bonnie Pellegrino, Rensselaer Subdistrict

Bonnie Pellegrino, 53, of the Roselawn Unit in the Rensselaer Subdistrict was hit by an INDOT vehicle in a work zone on S.R. 10. The accident occurred on July 17 and Bonnie died on July 25, 2002.

Bonnie was a maintenance worker and had been employed by INDOT since 1978. She was married to Alex Pellegrino, also an INDOT employee, and was the mother of three.

Gary Petty, Vincennes Subdistrict

Gary R. Petty, 62, had been employed by INDOT since 1985. He was fatally injured on August 22, 2002 when a motorist struck him and a fellow employee. Gary and his co-worker had just finished

mowing along S.R. 57 and were waiting to be picked up when the accident occurred.

Gary worked out of the Vincennes Subdistrict. He was married to Susie (Ducharme) and was the father of three.

Mary Henderson, Toll Road

The Toll Road District suffered its first tragedy since 1985 on August 29 when Mary Henderson, 58, fell into the path of a semi-truck. Mary, a toll booth operator, was leaving her toll booth when she slipped and fell.

She had worked out of the Eastpoint Plaza, the last before the Ohio state line, and had been employed at INDOT since 1994. Mary was married to Kenneth Henderson and had three children.

The photo below shows the National Work Zone Memorial, which Indiana hosted at the Statehouse in July 2002.

In Memoriam

